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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION

Report of the Credentials Committee

1 Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBT/PC/2 and Corr. 1), provides

"1 The Credentials Committee shall consist of six members, who shall be appointed by the Commission upon the proposal of the Chairman. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Commission without delay.

"2 The Credentials Committee appointed at the beginning of the first session of the Commission shall continue to serve for all sessions. It shall examine only the credentials of representatives newly accredited, unless the Commission decides otherwise."

2 Pursuant to that rule, the Commission, upon the proposal of the Chairman, appointed the following State Signatories as members of the Credentials Committee: Costa Rica, Kenya, Marshall Islands, Nepal, Romania and Sweden.

3 The Committee held its first meeting on 5 March 1997 to examine the credentials received as at that date. It selected the representative of Romania as its Coordinator. The Committee had before it copies of a memorandum of the Secretary of the Commission, dated

5 March 1997, containing information on the status of the credentials of the representatives of the States Signatories to the Preparatory Commission, consolidated to include the information the Secretary received during the first and second parts of the first session of the Commission.

4 Having examined the information contained in that memorandum, the Committee noted that, as at 12 p.m. of 5 March 1997:

(a) Formal credentials in due form, as provided for by rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure, had been communicated to the Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for representatives from the following 78 States Signatories:

Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America;

(b) Telefax copies of credentials in due form for the representatives of the following 18

States Signatories were communicated to the Secretary of the Commission:

Bangladesh, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Cyprus, Egypt, Estonia, Haiti, Jamaica, Kazakstan, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Ukraine, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Yemen.

(c) The designations of the representatives of the following 20 States Signatories have been communicated to the Secretary of the Preparatory Commission by letter or by telefax copy from their Permanent Missions in New York or Geneva:

Angola, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Myanmar, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Senegal, Seychelles, Togo, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia.

4. The Committee agreed to accept the credentials of those States Signatories referred to in paragraph 3 (a) and (b), on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the representatives of those States referred to in paragraph 3 (b) would be submitted as soon as possible. In accordance with the terms of rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure, those credentials will remain valid until they are withdrawn or replaced.

5. Rule 5 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that:

"Pending a decision of the Commission upon their credentials, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Commission."

6. In accordance with that rule, the Committee decided to accept the designations of representatives of those States Signatories listed in paragraph 3 (c) on the understanding that credentials in due form pursuant to rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure would be submitted as soon as possible to the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission. The Credentials Committee urged those States Signatories that have not yet submitted their credentials in due form to do so.

7. Also at its first meeting, the Credentials Committee adopted its report to the Preparatory Commission.